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Chapter 9. INTRODUCTION TO CO-ORDINATES GEOMETRY



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Coordinate Geometry

The study of geometrical shapes in a plane is called plane geometry. Coordinate geometry is the study of geometrical shapes in the Cartesian plane (coordinate plane).

Distance Formula

Let $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$ be two points in the coordinate plane where d is the length of the

line segment PQ. i.e. |PQ| = d and given as

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

EXERCISE 9.1

Q#1) Find the distance between the following pairs of points.

(a) A(9,2), B(7,2)

Sol: As given A(9, 2), B(7, 2)

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put $x_1 = 9$, $x_2 = 7$, $y_1 = 2$ and $y_2 = 2$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(7-9)^2 + (2-2)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (0)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{4}$$

$$|d| = 2$$

(b)
$$A(2,-6)$$
, $B(3,-6)$

Sol: As given A(2, -6), B(3, -6)

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put
$$x_1 = 2$$
, $x_2 = 3$, $y_1 = -6$ and $y_2 = -6$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(3-2)^2 + (2-2)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{1}$$

$$|d| = 1$$

(c)
$$A(-8,1)$$
, $B(6,1)$

Sol: As given A(-8, 1), B(6, 1)

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put
$$x_1 = -8$$
, $x_2 = 6$, $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = 1$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(6 - (-8))^2 + (1 - 1)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(6+8)^2 + (0)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{14^2}$$

$$|d| = 14$$

(d)
$$A(-4,\sqrt{2})$$
, $B(-4,-3)$

Sol: As given
$$A(-4, \sqrt{2}), B(-4, -3)$$

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put
$$x_1 = -4$$
, $x_2 = -4$, $y_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and $y_2 = -3$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(-4 - (-4))^2 + (-3 - \sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(-4+4)^2 + (3+\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{\left(3 + \sqrt{2}\right)^2}$$

$$|d| = 3 + \sqrt{2}$$

(e)
$$A(3,-11)$$
, $B(3,-4)$

Sol: As given
$$A(3, -11)$$
, $B(3, -4)$

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put
$$x_1 = 3$$
, $x_2 = 3$, $y_1 = -11$ and $y_2 = -4$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(3-3))^2 + (-4 - (-11))^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (-4 + 11)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(7)^2}$$

$$|d| = 7$$

(f)
$$A(0,0)$$
, $B(0,-5)$

Sol: As given
$$A(0,0)$$
, $B(0,-5)$

Using distance formula

$$|d| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Put
$$x_1 = 0$$
, $x_2 = 0$, $y_1 = 0$ and $y_2 = -5$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(0-0)^2 + (-5-0)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{5^2}$$

|d| = 5

Q#2) Let P be the point on x-axis with x-coordinate a and Q be the point on y-axis with y-coordinate b as given below. Find the distance between P and Q.

(i)
$$a = 9, b = 7$$

Sol: As Given a = 9, b = 7

$$P(a, 0) = P(9, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, 7)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0-9)^2 + (7-0)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (7)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{81 + 49}$$

$$|PO| = \sqrt{130}$$

(ii)
$$a = 2, b = 3$$

Sol: As Given a = 2, b = 3

$$P(a, 0) = P(2, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, 3)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0-2)^2 + (3-0)^2}$$

$$|PO| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (3)^2}$$

$$|PO| = \sqrt{4+9}$$

$$|PO| = \sqrt{13}$$

(iii)
$$a = -8, b = 6$$

Sol: As Given a = -8, b = 6

$$P(a, 9) = P(-8, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, 6)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0 - (-8))^2 + (6 - 0)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(8)^2 + (6)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{64 + 36}$$

$$|PO| = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

(iv)
$$a = -2, b = -3$$

Sol: As Given
$$a = -2$$
, $b = -3$

$$P(a, 9) = P(-2, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, -3)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0 - (-2))^2 + (-3 - 0)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{4+9}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{13}$$

(v)
$$a = \sqrt{2}, b = 1$$

Sol: As Given
$$a = \sqrt{2}$$
, $b = 1$

$$P(a, 9) = P(\sqrt{2}, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, 1)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0 - \sqrt{2})^2 + (1 - 0)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^2 + (1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{2+1}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{3}$$

(vi)
$$a = -9, b = -4$$

Sol: As Given
$$a = -9$$
, $b = -4$

$$P(a, 9) = P(-9, 0)$$
 and $Q(0, b) = Q(0, -4)$

Using distance formula

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(0 - (-9))^2 + (-4 - 0)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{(9)^2 + (-4)^2}$$

$$|PQ| = \sqrt{81 + 16}$$

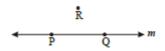
$$|PQ| = \sqrt{97}$$

Collinear or Non-collinear Points in the Plane

Two or more than two points which lie on the same straight line are called collinear points with respect to that line; otherwise they are called non-collinear.

Let m be a line, then all the points on line m are collinear.

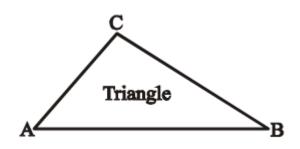
In the given figure, the points P and Q are collinear with respect to the line *m* and the points P and R are not collinear with respect to it.



Triangle

A closed figure in a plane obtained by joining three non-collinear points is called a triangle.

In the triangle *ABC* the non-collinear points *A*, *B* and *C* are the three vertices of the triangle *ABC*. The line segments *AB*, *BC* and *CA* are called sides of the triangle.



(i) Equilateral Triangle

If the lengths of all the three sides of a triangle are same, then the triangle is called an equilateral triangle

(ii) An Isosceles Triangle

An isosceles triangle *PQR* is a triangle which has two of its sides with equal length while the third side has a different length.

(iii) Right Angle Triangle

A triangle in which one of the angles has measure equal to 90^{0} is called a right angle triangle.

(iv) Scalene Triangle

A triangle is called a scalene triangle if measures of all the three sides are different.

Square

A square is a closed figure in the plane formed by four non-collinear points such that lengths of all sides are equal and measure of each angle is 90° .

Rectangle

A figure formed in the plane by four non-collinear points is called a rectangle if,

- (i) Its opposite sides are equal in length;
- (ii) The angle at each vertex is of measure 90° .

Parallelogram

A figure formed by four non-collinear points in the plane is called a **parallelogram** if

- (i) its opposite sides are of equal length
- (ii) its opposite sides are parallel

Let $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$ be any two points in the plane and M(x, y) be a mid-point of points P and Q on the line-segment PQ is given as

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2},\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$$

EXERCISE 9.3

Q#1) Find the mid-point of the line segment joining each of the following pairs of points

(a)
$$A(9,2)$$
, $B(7,2)$

Sol: As given A(9, 2), B(7, 2)

Using Mid-point formula

$$Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

Put
$$x_1 = 9$$
, $x_2 = 7$, $y_1 = 2$ and $y_2 = 2$

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{9+7}{2},\frac{2+2}{2}\right)$$

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{16}{2},\frac{4}{2}\right)$$

$$Mid - point \ of \ PO = M(8,2)$$

(b)
$$A(2,-6)$$
, $B(3,-6)$

Sol: As given A(2, -6), B(3, -6)

Using Mid-point formula

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2},\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$$

Put
$$x_1 = 2$$
, $x_2 = 3$, $y_1 = -6$ and $y_2 = -6$

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{2+3}{2},\frac{-6-6}{2}\right)$$

$$Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{-12}{2}\right)$$

$$Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M(2.5, -6)$$

(c)
$$A(-8,1)$$
, $B(6,1)$

Sol: As given A(-8, 1), B(6, 1)

Using Mid-point formula

$$Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2},\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$$

Put $x_1 = -8$, $x_2 = 6$, $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = 1$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{-8+6}{2},\frac{1+1}{2}\right)$

 $Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M\left(\frac{-2}{2}, \frac{2}{2}\right)$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M(-1,1)$

(d) A(-4, 9), B(-4, -3)

Sol: As given $A(-4, \sqrt{2}), B(-4, -3)$

Using Mid-point formula

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2},\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$

Put $x_1 = -4$, $x_2 = -4$, $y_1 = 9$ and $y_2 = -3$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{-4-4}{2},\frac{9-3}{2}\right)$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{-8}{2},\frac{6}{2}\right)$

 $Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M(-4,3)$

(e) A(3,-11), B(3,-4)

Sol: As given A(3, -11), B(3, -4)

Using Mid-point formula

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2},\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$

Put $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 3$, $y_1 = -11$ and $y_2 = -4$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{3+3}{2},\frac{-11-4}{2}\right)$

 $Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M\left(\frac{6}{2}, \frac{-15}{2}\right)$

 $Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M(3, -7.5)$

(f) A(0,0), B(0,-5)

Sol: As given A(0,0), B(0,-5)

Using Mid-point formula

 $Mid - point of PQ = M\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$

Put $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 0$, $y_1 = 0$ and $y_2 = -5$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{0+0}{2},\frac{0-5}{2}\right)$

 $Mid-point\ of\ PQ=M\left(\frac{0}{2},\frac{-5}{2}\right)$

 $Mid - point \ of \ PQ = M(0, 2.5)$

REVIEW EXERCISE

Q#2) Answer the following, which is true and which is false.

- (i) A line has two end points...F
- (ii) A line segment has one end point...F
- (iii) A triangle is formed by three collinear points. ... F
- (iv) Each side of a triangle has two collinear vertices...T...
- (v) The end points of each side of a rectangle are collinear... T
- (vi) All the points that lie on the x-axis are collinear...T...
- (vii) Origin is the only point collinear with the points of both the axes separately. ... T...

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